

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
April 11, 2012  
10:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order**

Denise Bartlett, Chair, called the meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees to order at 10:04 a.m., on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at the Library of Michigan.

**Attendance**

Members Present: B. Denise Bartlett, Barb Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Robert Young, Jr.), Michael Brogan, Kathy Irwin (*via conference phone*), Elaine Logan, Carolyn Nash, Nancy Robertson, Francis "Bus" Spaniola, Lee Van Orsdel, Carol Wolenberg

Members Absent: Senator Steve Bieda, Representative Shanelle Jackson, Senator Dave Robertson, Representative Jim Stamas

Staff Present: Sheryl Mase, Lori Poznanski-Mason (recording secretary), Don Todaro

Visitors: Randy Dykhuis, Jim Seidl, Carolyn Sparks, Tim Staal

**Agenda**

CAROLYN NASH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**February 5, 2012  
Meeting Minutes**

THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2012 MEETING WERE UANANIMOUSLY APPROVED UPON MOTION BY BUS SPANIOLA.

**Board Reports**

**Board Chair**

The Board Chair had no news to report.

**Board Members'  
Reports**

Carolyn Nash presented an update.

**Legislator Updates** There were no legislator updates.

**Partnership  
Reports**

**Cooperatives**

The Cooperative Directors report was in the Board packet.

**MAME**

Tim Staal presented and distributed the MAME Report at the meeting. In light of the fact that Tim will be starting a new job and will no longer be involved with MAME, Denise thanked Tim for his information, input, and presence at the LM Board meetings.

**MCLS**

Randy Dykhuis presented and distributed the MCLS Report. So far this year, MeL usage is up 10% over last year. Usage is also anticipated to increase as Article Reach is implemented. Article Reach will give Michigan residents access to magazine and journal articles through MeL. Randy hopes a succession planning workshop can be brought to Michigan in 2013.

**MLA**

Kathy Irwin presented the MLA Report, which was distributed at the meeting.

**State Librarian's  
Report**

The 2013 budget process appears promising for state aid and MeL. The MDE budget is not progressing as smoothly.

LM's financial analyst Patrick Conlen was promoted to a higher level position within MDE. LM will start interviewing to fill the financial analyst position shortly.

Joe Hamlin has started as the new Library Data Coordinator.

LM expects to hire a Law Reference Librarian soon.

The national Plinkit survey results, located in the Board packet, were reviewed. Sonya is doing a fantastic job promoting Plinkit to Michigan libraries.

Nancy spoke about the dashboards and scorecards that are being used by the State of Michigan to encourage transparency and accountability. A dashboard is used for public viewing; a scorecard is used internally. The Education dashboard is about the state of education in Michigan. It is not a Michigan Department of Education dashboard. LM is represented on the MDE scorecard by item F-5 MeL databases, listed under the Financial category, and by item C-3 Michigan Online Resources for Educators (MORE), shown under the Customer/Constituent Category. The more databases we purchase for MeL, the larger the return on investment. It is not the Governor's intent for these dashboards to be used as punishment; they are not tied to funding. There may be individual scorecards at some point. A question was asked about "outreach" being listed under internal business processes. Nancy explained that internal means internal to state government and LM offers presentations to state government agencies and the legislature on the services we can provide to them. Outreach will make LM successful as a state library.

The LSTA Five-Year Plan Needs Assessment survey is underway. The Library held focus groups in various parts of the state and received a lot of input. The last Five-Year plan ends September 30, 2012. The new Five-Year Plan will be implemented beginning October 1, 2012. The plan must include goals that meet the LSTA Purposes and Priorities as defined by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

An additional tool to gain further input on the plan will be an Idea Scale survey that Karren will be sending out. With this type of survey, participants can vote and comment on ideas contributed by others. Nancy asked the LM board to review the LSTA Purposes and Priorities and to participate in the Idea Scale survey. Questions can be directed to Karren, Sheryl, or Nancy.

If state funding increases, federal LSTA funding does not increase. However, if state funding falls, federal funding can fall.

**LM Foundation  
Report**

Library of Michigan Foundation (LMF) Director Carolyn Sparks spoke about the upcoming *Night for Notables* event which will be held April 28. Fifteen of twenty authors have committed to attend. The event will now always be planned for the last Saturday in April. The format will be changed as well. The event will start with remarks at 5:30 in the Forum and then we will adjourn to the social part of the event. There will be a pre-reception for the sponsors and the host committee.

Sparky talked about having a social event for the LM Board and LM Foundation Board members so they can socialize and discuss goals and future planning.

**Old Business  
Bylaws**

Barb outlined the changes to the Bylaws.

BUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS.  
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

**Board Discussion**

Having an LM Board member serve on the LSTA Advisory Committee was discussed. LM Board member Kathy Irwin currently serves on the LSTA Advisory Committee.

Lee Van Orsdel asked about the possibility of the LM Board acknowledging the work of staff. Lori will look into getting thank you notes printed with the LM logo for the LM Board to sign.

**Adjournment**

BARB BONGE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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B. Denise Bartlett, Chair

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Nancy R. Robertson, State Librarian